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Mr. Steve Gunderson Director Water Quality Control Division Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

Re: TMDL Approvals

Illinois Gulch COUCBL12. Zinc

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

We have completed our review of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as submitted by your office on December 9, 2009 for the waterbody listed in the enclosure to this letter. In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.), we approve all aspects of TMDLs as developed for certain pollutants in water quality limited waterbodies as described in Section 303(d)(1). Based on our review, we feel the separate TMDL elements for the pollutant listed in the enclosed table are adequately addressed, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Thank you for submitting this TMDL for our review and approval. If you have any questions, the most knowledgeable person on my staff is Sandra Spence and she may be reached at (303) 312-6947.

Sincerely,

Eddie A. Sierra Acting Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation

Enclosures

